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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee

Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Noting with gratitude the offers of the Governments of Canada, Germany and Spain, contained in documents A/AC.241/55/Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3, to host the Permanent Secretariat at Montreal, Bonn and Murcia, respectively,

1. Requests the Chairman of the Committee to establish a contact group, which will have appropriate participation by the Governments of Canada, Germany and Spain, to clarify these offers as necessary and to discuss appropriate procedures enabling the first session of the Conference of the Parties to take a decision on this matter;

2. Requests the Secretariat to present, in consultation with the three Governments concerned, for consideration at the tenth session of the Committee, a document comparing the major elements of the three offers;

3. Decides to consider this item further in plenary meetings at its tenth session on the basis of the deliberations of the contact group established in accordance with paragraph 1 and the document requested in paragraph 2.

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